

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A security mechanism for a covered access opening including a member defining said opening and a relatively movable member defining a cover therefor comprising:

a cable lock assembly comprising:

a cable lock body defining a passage sized to receive a cable;

a cable including a first end sized to fit through said cable lock body passage and including a second end having an abutment;

a mechanism in said cable lock body engageable with said cable to permit movement of said cable through said passage in the direction in which it entered said passage and preventing movement of said cable in the opposite direction;

a housing defining [[a]] an opening to receive the cable lock body;

said cable lock body affixed to said housing within said opening; and

said housing directly affixed to one of said members.

2. (currently amended) A security mechanism as claimed in claim 1 wherein said cable lock body is permanently affixed within said opening of said housing by a weld connected between said [[bore]] opening and said cable lock body.

3. (currently amended) A security mechanism as claimed in claim 1 wherein said cable lock body is affixed within said [[bore]] opening of said housing by an adhesive connected between said [[bore]] opening and said cable lock body.

4. (previously presented) A security mechanism for a covered access opening comprising:

a cable lock assembly comprising:

a cable lock body defining a passage sized to receive a cable;

said cable including a first end sized to fit through said cable lock body passage and including a second end precluded from passing therethrough;

a mechanism in said cable lock body engageable with said cable to permit movement of said cable through said passage in the direction in which it entered said passage and preventing movement of said cable in the opposite direction;

a housing;

said cable lock body being secured to said housing;

said housing including a base adapted to be permanently affixed to a structure to be secured; and

wherein said housing further includes at least one leg that extends from said base and wherein said base is adapted to be permanently affixed to a structure to be secured through said at least one leg of said housing.

5. (previously presented) A security mechanism as claimed in claim 1 wherein said mechanism in said cable lock body comprises a spring and a ball, said spring and ball being arranged to releasably urge said ball against said cable to prevent movement of said cable in said opposite direction.

6. (previously presented) A security mechanism for a covered access opening comprising:

a covered access structure comprising:

a first member defining an access opening;

a second member adapted to cover said access opening defined by said first member;

a hasp having at least one component positioned on said first and at least one other component positioned on said second member;

a cable lock assembly comprising;

a cable lock body defining a passage sized to receive a cable;

said cable including a first end sized to fit through said cable lock body passage and including a second end precluded from passing therethrough;

a mechanism in said cable lock body engageable with said cable to permit movement of said cable through said passage in the direction in which it entered said passage and preventing movement of said cable in the opposite direction;

a housing separate from said first member and second member defining an opening to receive the cable lock body;

said cable lock body affixed to said housing within said opening; and

wherein said housing is permanently affixed to one of said first and second members.

7. (previously presented) A security mechanism for a covered access opening comprising:

a covered access structure comprising:

a first member defining an access opening;

a second member adapted to cover said access opening defined by said first member;  
a hasp having at least one component positioned on said first and at least one other component positioned on said second member;  
a cable lock assembly comprising;  
a cable lock body defining a passage sized to receive a cable;  
said cable including a first end sized to fit through said cable lock body passage and including a second end configured to preclude passing through said passage;  
a mechanism in said cable lock body engageable with said cable to permit movement of the cable through said passage in the direction in which it entered said passage and preventing movement of said cable in the opposite direction;  
a housing;  
said cable lock body being secured to said housing; and  
wherein said housing is permanently affixed to one of said first and second members.

8. (currently amended) A security mechanism as claimed in claim 6 wherein said cable lock body is permanently affixed in said [[bore]] opening in said housing by an adhesive.

9. (previously presented) A security mechanism as claimed in claim 6 wherein said housing further includes a base adapted to be permanently affixed to one or the other of said first and second members, and at least one leg that extends from said base and wherein said base is permanently affixed to said one of said first and second members through said at least one leg of said housing.

10. (previously presented) A security mechanism as claimed in claim 6 wherein said mechanism in said cable lock includes a spring and a ball, said spring and ball being arranged to releasably urge said ball against said cable to prevent movement of said cable in said opposite direction.

11. (previously presented) A security mechanism as claimed in claim 7 wherein said cable lock body is permanently affixed to said housing by welding and said housing is secured to one of said first and second members by welding.

12. (previously presented) A security mechanism as claimed in claim 8 wherein said housing is secured to one of said first and second members by an adhesive.

13. (currently amended) A security mechanism for a covered access opening as claimed in claim 6 wherein said cable lock body is affixed within said [[bore]] opening in said housing by an interference fit between said opening and said cable lock body.

14. (currently amended) A method of securing and releasing a covered access opening multiple times in sequence, wherein the access opening includes a member defining an opening, and a relatively movable member defining a cover, a hasp including a first hasp component on the member defining the opening and a second hasp member on the member defining the cover, the steps comprising:

providing a cable lock assembly mounted on one of the members defining the opening and the cover;

said cable lock assembly including a cable lock body defining a through passage having a first open end and a second open end and a cable sized to pass through said passage having a free end arranged to be inserted in said first end of said passage and pass through said passage and out said second end, said cable having a second end precluded from entering said first end of said body;

a mechanism in said cable lock body engagable with said cable to permit movement of said cable through said passage in the direction which it entered and preventing movement in the opposite direction;

a housing defining an opening to receive the cable lock body, said cable lock body affixed to said housing in said opening and said housing directly affixed to one of said members; the steps further comprising;

passing said free end of said cable through said [[haspg]] hasp components and said passage of said cable lock body to secure said cover member against movement relative to said access opening defining member;

thereafter, cutting said cable to separate said first and second ends thereof and removing said hasp components cable from said hasp components and said cable lock body to release said cover member for movement relative to said access opening defining member;

and thereafter providing an additional cable and associating said additional cable with said cable lock assembly and said hasp components in the same relation as said first cable to secure said cover member against movement relative to said access opening defining member, and thereafter repeating said steps of cutting and removing said cable and associating a new cable with said cable lock assembly and said hasp components to sequentially secure and release

said members using a new cable each time said members are secured and using the same cable lock assembly.